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RE: **Docket # 98P-0151/CP1**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to voice my **support** of the Farm Animal Sanctuary **petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.**

"Downed animals" are those food animals who have become too ill or injured to walk to slaughter. Despite their condition, these animals are routinely marketed and slaughtered for human consumption. These animals typically spend days suffering before their death.

Please consider:

- Animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain.
- Downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or "Mad Cow Disease"), a disease which has been linked to fatal human illness.
- It is practically impossible to move downed cows humanely. Immobile animals are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains-inhumane methods which cause injuries and additional suffering.
- Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive for the industry to prevent downed animals in the first place- more humane handling practices will have to be developed.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Dori Villalon

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